

SENATE RESOLUTION 13

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A RESOLUTION relative to federal reauthorization of federal-aid highway and transit programs.

WHEREAS, legislation to reauthorize the federal-aid highway and transit programs is more than seventeen months overdue; and

WHEREAS, the six short-term program extensions enacted by the U.S. Congress have forced States and localities to delay construction of critical highway and transit projects, impeded job creation, and postponed life saving safety improvements and the completion of congestion reducing measures; and

WHEREAS, further delay will increase project costs and dilute the purchasing power of federal transportation dollars; and

WHEREAS, investments in transportation are investments in people, and our transportation network is the means through which our children return from school safely, aging Americans and the disabled gain mobility, and commuters have affordable mass transit options to get to work; and

WHEREAS, a well-functioning transportation system is critical to America's security, productivity and global competitiveness; and

WHEREAS, inadequate funding proposals impede the ability of the U.S. Congress to reach agreement on a long-term bill; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that the Senate hereby most fervently urges and encourages the U.S. Congress and the Administration to immediately enact a well-funded, multi-year reauthorization of federal highway and transit programs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that enrolled copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President, the Vice President, the Secretary of Transportation and to each member of Tennessee's Congressional delegation.